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To the *King* and *Queen's* Most Excellent Majesties.

May it please your Majesties,

THat it may appear how ready I am upon all occasions to Testifie the Duty I owe to Your Majesties *Persons* and *Government*; I have not refused this Opportunity of laying before your Majesties the ancient *Honour* and *Usefulness* of the BOW, and how greatly it hath been *Approv'd*, and the Exercise thereof *Commanded* and *Encouraged* by the Acts and Patents of your *Majesties* most Glorious and Royal Predecessors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, who have thereby eternally Enobled their Memory to succeeding *Generations*, by their Envied and Remarkable Con-

Conquests, not only of *all France*, but by their shining and amazing Victories Atchiev'd in many other parts of the World, and their matchless Courage and improved Skill in the Use of *these kind of Arms*, to the utter Shame and Astonishment not only of many Kingdoms in *Europe*, but of all Infidels in the Universe.

It was chiefly by the Force and Power of the BOW, under the Conduct of a Courage never yet match'd but by your Majesty; That your Majesties Illustrious and Renowned Predecessor, King *Henry the Fifth*, obtain'd that famous and immortal Victory, when the Neighbour Nation, (that now by our Folly and Neglect, hath assumed the face, *Singly* to Outbrave the *United Power* of *all Europe*) sub-

ſubmitted their Necks to the *Engliſh Yoke*; and ſubdued by the Bravery of our *Engliſh Bow-men*, as Tamely obeyed their Gallant Conquerors, as they now vainly Hector all the World beſide. From which Noble Succeſs, your Majeſties derive your Right and Title to *That Kingdom*; whereof we doubt not, but in a ſhort time your Majeſties will become *Poſſeſſors*, as you are already *Proprietors*.

I ſhall Employ your Majeſties precious Minutes, in this buſie time, with no longer *Harangue*, but only aſſure your Majeſties how willing I am to Expend the *few Sands* of my *Old Age*, in ſomewhat Serviceable to your Majeſties, whom I beſeech Almighty *GOD* to bleſs with Succeſs at Home and Abroad; and to incline

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the whole Body of your Subjects, That setting aside all Mistakes and Private Brawls, they may as *Literally* and *Chearfully* engage in your Majesties and the Nations *Just Quarrel*, as would

Your Majesties
Most Humble,
Most Dutiful,
And
Most Obedient
Subject and Servant,

WILLIAM WOOD.

To

To the Honourable, and True Lovers of ARCHERY:

Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Knight of the *Bath*, Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Knight, and Sir *Joseph Williamson* Knight.

FOR me that am so Unlearned and Ignorant, to speak of the Antiquity and Worth of Archery, were a great weakness; for I find it to be almost as old as Adam: For in

in Holy Writ, Gen. 21. 20. *it is said,* That God was with *Ishmael,* and he became an Archer. *And for the fierceness of the Bow and Arrow, Gods Vengeance is sometime in Scripture compared to it. But to come nearer home, and to speak of one or two of those great Victories that have been obtained against the Enemies of* England *by Archers. As for Instance; first, the Battel of* Cressy *in* France, *in the Reign of* Edward *the Third, where he himself in Person, with the Black Prince his Son, with*

with an Army of Ten thousand Archers, overthrew and vanquished his Enemy, Philip King of France, and his Army, consisting of near One hundred thousand Men; in which Battel were Thirty thousand slain: See the Story more at large in Baker's Chronicle, pag. 124, and 125. But this is not all the harm that Archery hath done to our Enemies, nor honour it hath won to our selves; for in the Year 1415. in the Reign of Henry the Fifth, there was at Agincourt, in the Territories of France, such a Victory obtained, over the French, by the help of the Archers, that can scarce, if

ever,

ever, be parallel'd in any History; where a considerable Number of Archers, under the Command of Sir William Orpington, *who with an Ambush of no more than Two hundred* Archers, *gave the first Onset, (which take in* Sir Rich. Baker's *own words,)* Causing the Bow-men to let fly their Arrows, which so gawled the French Horse, that either they cast their Riders, or through their unruliness so opened their Ranks, that the right Wing of the English Horse had way to come in upon the French Foot. The English Army being in Number not above Nine thousand,

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and the French six times, nay, some say ten times as many in Number. The Number of the French slain was above Ten thousand, whereof One hundred twenty six were of the Nobility bearing Banners; of Knights and Gentlemen Seven thousand eight hundred seventy four; and of Common Souldiers about One thousand six hundred, with a very small damage to the English; *as may be seen at large*, pag. 175. *in Sir* Richard Baker.

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It were endless to recount what great Battels have been obtained by the help of the Archers, *and what high Esteem the Turks have of it to this day, I'le refer you to Travellers and Historians; more particularly to that Ingenious Book of* Sir Paul Rycaut, *in his* History of the Turks: *and 'tis much to be lamented, that those Weapons by which our Ancestors gain'd so much Renown, should now be almost totally laid aside, save only by your Honours, and those Gentlemen that use it for their Health and Recreation. But we hope this drawing forth may be a means to increase and*

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add to the Number of thoſe that love Archery; *which is the hearty Deſire, and Prayer of,*

Gentlemen,

Your moſt humble

and obedient

Servant,

William Wood.

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In Praiſe of Archery.

BRave Archery, what Rapture ſhall I raiſe
In giving thee thy merit, and due praiſe?
Divine thou art, as from the Gods begot:
Apollo with an Arrow *Python* Shot,
And *Cupid*, the fair *Venus* ſon, we know,
Is always figur'd with his Shafts and Bow.
The chaſt *Diana* with her Nymphs in chaſe,
Will with no other Arms their ſhoulders grace.
A mighty Bow the great *Alcides* drew,
When he (to ſave his Bride) the *Centaur* ſlew.
It is the powerful Hand of Heaven that bends
The all-colour'd Rainbow that ſo far extends:
Before the Tormentary art was found,
The jarring ſtring, did make the dreadfull'ſt ſound.
And that invulner'd *Greek* unſcar'd, by ſteel,
Was ſhot, and ſlain by *Paris* in the heel.
The naked *Indian* doth no Armor lack,
His Bow being bent, and Quiver at his back.
And the wild *Tartar* doth no danger fear,
His Arrow nocht, & String drawn to his Ear.

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The *Parthian* in this practiſe hath ſuch skil
That when he flies, he can Shoot back & kil
For us; what forraign Chronicles, but ſo
Our Honours purchaſt by the Gray-goo
wing?
Brave *Cordelion* with feathered Band
Beat the proud *Sultan* from the *Holy-land*
And what an Honour did the Black Prin
gain
When He with Engliſh Archers conquere
Spain!
So Ancient, ſo Divine, ſo Nobly fam'd
(Yet for the Bodie's health there's nothin
nam'd)
It is an Exerciſe (by proof) we ſee
Whoſe practice doth with nature beſt agree
Obſtructions of the Liver it prevents,
Stretching the Nerves and Arteries, give
extents
To the Spleens oppilations, clears the Bre
And ſpungy Lungs: It is a Foe profeſt
To all Conſumptions: More what need
name?
The State approves it for a Lawfull game.
What won our Honour, is now made ou
Sport,
Witneſs *Poictieirs*, *Creſſy*, and *Agincourt*.

THE PATENT OF King *HENRY* VIII. Concerning ARCHERIE.

HENRY the Eight by the Grace of God King of England and of France, Defendour of the Fayth, Lorde of Irelond, and in Erthe Supreme Hede of the Churche of Englond, To all Judges, Justyces, Mayres, Sheryffys, Baylyffys, Counstables, and other our Offycers, Mynysters, and Subgyettys, aswell wythyn the Lybertyes as wythout thyes oure Letters herying or seyng, Gretyng,

We let yowe wyte, That of our Grace e-
ſpeeyall, certeyn ſcyence, and mere mocyon,
We have graunted and licencyd, and by
thyes Preſentys doo graunte and licence
for vs and our Heyres, aſmoche as yn vs
ys, vnto our truſty and welbeloued Ser-
vauntys and Subgyettys Sir Cryſtofer
Morres Knyght, Mayſter of oure Ord-
nauncys, Anthony Knevett and Peter
Mewtes Gentlemen of oure preby Chambre,
Overſeers of the Fraternytye or Guylde of
Saynt George; And that they, and every
of them, ſhalbe Overſeers of the Scyence
of Artyllary, that ys, to wyt, for Long-
bowes, Croſ-bowes and Hand-gonnes, &c.
which Syr Cryſtofer Morres, Cornelys
Johnſon, Anthony Antony, and Henry
Johnſon, that they and euery of them ſhal-
be Mayſters and Rulers of the ſayed Scy-
ence of Artyllary, as afore ys rehercyd, for
Long-bowes, Croſ-bowes, & Hand-gonnes,
which Syr Cryſtofer Cornelys, Anthony
and Henry, we by thyes Preſentys do or-
deign, make, and conferme foure Mayſters
and Rulers of the ſayed Felliſhyp of Artyl-
lery for euer, during theyr lyves: And that
the ſayed Mayſters and Rulers, and theyr
Succeſſours, Mayſters and Rulers, al-
wayes beyng foure of oure Seruauntes,
Englyſhemen or Denyſens, maye begyn,
founde, edefye, make, ordeygn, gadre, knytte
and

and eſtabliſſhe a certeyn perpetuall Fraternytye of Saynt George, and that they maye haue full power and auctorytye to choſe accept, take, and admytte vnto theyr ſayed Fraternytye or Guylde Almaner, honeſte parſonnes whatſoeuer they be, aſwell beyng oure Seruauntys and Subgiettys as Straungyers, Denyſens or not Denyſens, at theyr lyberrtyes. And that the ſayed Wayſters and Rulers, and ſuche Bzethern as they ſhall elecre, admytte, take and accepte to them, ſhall yn thyng and name be oon bodye and Commynaltye Corporate, hauyng ſucceſſyon perpetually by the name of Wayſters and Rulers and Commynaltye of the Fraternitye or Guylde of Artyllary of Long-bowes, Crol-bowes, & Hand-gonnes: And theſame four Wayſters, Rulers and Bzethern, and theyr Succeſſours, we yncorporate and make oon Bodye by theys Pzeſentys; And that the ſayed Wayſters and Rulers and Commynaltye, and theyr Succeſſours, ſhall ymplede and be impleded by the name of Wayſters and Rulers of the ſayed Bzetherhed or Guylde; And alſo ſhall haue power and auctozytye to choſe and elect among themſelfys, wyth theyr aſſyſtence, foure vndze Wayſters and Rulers of the ſame Fraternytye or Guylde, to ouerſee and governe the ſame Fraternytye from tyme to tyme, and to haue the gouernaunce and cu-

ſtodye of ſuche Landes, Tenementys, Rentys, Poſſeſſions, Goodys and Catalys, as hereafter ſhall happen to be purchaſed, betwethed, gyven, graunted or aſſygned by any maner parſon or parſons to ſayed Fraternytye or Guylde: And they euery yere as yt ſhall beſt pleas them, ſhall mowe, ordeygne, and choſe ſucceſſyvely foure unde Wayſters and Rulers, Englyſſhmen, Straungyers, Denyſens or not Denyſens, of good name and fame; And they, or any of them, yf nede requyre, to amove, put out, and diſcharge, and an other yn hys or theyr name and place, as ofte as ſhall pleas them to name, put yn, electe and auctoryſe by the counſayll of the four Wayſters and Rulers, and theyr ſayed Aſſyſtence. And furthermore, That the ſame Wayſters and Rulers maye haue and uſe a Common Seale for all thynges and neceſſaryes belongyng to the ſayed Fraternytye or Guylde. And that they may be of habylitye or capacitye yn the Law, to ymplede or be ympleded, anſwer and be anſwered before any Judge or Juſtice, ſpyrytuall or temporall, whatſoeuer they be, yn any Court or Courtes of thys our Realm; And yn all and ſyngular Accyons, Demaundes, Quarrellys, Pleas, Sutes reall or perſonall, lyke as all other oure Lygemen haue habylytye and capacytye. And furthermore, the ſayed Wayſters

sters and Rulers and Commynaltye of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, amongys themselfys, shall or may haue full auctorytye and power to make, ordeygne and establysshe Lawes, Ordynauncys and Statutys for the good state, rule and gouernaunce of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for thencrease and good contynuaunce of the same, and suche Lawes, Statutys and Ordenaunces so made from tyme to tyme, as ofte as by them shalbe thought necessary and conuenient, to chaunce, and to transpose, or keap at theyr pleasure; And to put yn vse and execution wythoute hurte, challenge, greve or perturbaunce of us, oure Heyres or Successours, Officers, Mynisters or Subgiettys, or theyr Heyres or Successours, whatsoeuer they be. And furthermore, That the sayed Mayster and Rulers and theyr Successours for the tyme beyng, haue full power and auctorytye to purchase Landys & Tenementys, and other Hereditaments whatsoeuer they be, which be not holdyn of us in Capite, To haue and to hold to the sayed Maysters, Rulers, and Commynaltye, and theyr Successours (the Statute of Mortmayn, or other Statute or Statutys, or any other thyng passed to the contrary notwithstandyng). And furthermore of oure habundaunce Grace, we haue

graunted, gyuen and lycencyd, and by thyse Presentys do gyue, graunte, and lycence vnto our forsayed welbeloued Seruauntys, and to euery of them, and to all and euery theyr Successours, Maysters, Rulers, Commynaltye and Brethern of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde that for the tyme shalbe, aswell beyng oure Seruauntys and Subgyettys, as also Straungyers, beyng Denysens or not Denysens, beyng of and yn the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for the better yncrease of the defense of thys oure Realme, and mayntenaunce of the Scyence or Feate of Shotyng yn Long-bowes, Crosse-bowes and Hand-gonnes, that they, and euery of theyr Successours, honest parsonnes of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde, for theyr dysporte and pastyme from tyme to tyme for euer hereafter and perpetually, may use and exercise the shotyng yn their Long-bowes, Crosse-bowes and Hand-gonnes, at Almaner, Markys and Buttys, and at the Game of the Popynaye, and other Game or Games, as at Fowle and Fowles, aswell yn oure Citye of London, the Suburbes of the same, as in all other places whereseoeuer yt be wythyn thys oure Realme of England, Ireland, Calyce, and our Marches of Wayles, and ellyswhere wythyn any of our Domynyons

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(oure Forestys, Chacys and Parks, without oure speryall Warrant, and the Game of the Heyron and Feysaunt within two myles of any of oure Manners, Castellys, or other placys where we shall fortune to be or lye for the tyme onely excepted and reserved) And also that the sayed Maysters, and Rulers, and Brethern, and their Successours, and euery particuler parsonne of them may reteigne and keap theyr sayed Long-bowes, Crosbowes and Hand-gonnes yn theyr Houses, Chambres, and other places, and theyr Servauntys to bere the same Crosbowes and Hand-gonnes, when and as often as yt shall lyke them, at theyr lybertye for euer, without any damage, daungyer, penaltye, losse or forfaicture to ensue vnto them, or any of them, for the same. But neuerthelels the sayed Servauntes that so shall carry theyr Maysters Crosbowes or Hand-gonnes, shall not by vertue of thys oure Lycence, shote yn the sayed Crosbowes and Hand-gonnes at no manner of Fowle: And yn case be that any suche Servaunt be takyn shotyng at any Fowle with any Crosbowe or Hand-gonne, the sayed Offender so takyn to forfacte the penaltie according to the Acte (thys Fraternitye or Lycense notwithstanding:) And also that none other then the Fraternytye or

Guylde aforesayed, shall wythyn any part of thys oure Realme or Domynyon, keap any other Bretherhed or Guylde, oneles it be by lycence of the foresayed Maysters and Rulers of the sayed Fraternytye or Guylde. And furthermore of oure more ample Grace by theys Presentys we do lycence the foresayed Maysters and Rulers, and Commynaltye of the sayed Fraternytye or Guilde, or any pertyculer parsonne or parsonnes, and euery of them, to vse and weare any maner vnbrowdery, or any cognysaunce of syluer at hys or theyr lybertye, in theyr Gownes, Jackettys, Cootys, and Dublettys, and any maner of Silkys, as Veluet, Satten, and Damaske, (the Colours of Purple and Scarlet oonly excepted) yn theyr Gownes and Jackettys, and all and synguler Furres yn theyr Gownes or elswhere, not aboue Furres of Martirnes without renuying vnto any maner daungyer, forfeyture, lois or penaltye; Any Acte of Apparell, or any other Acte, Proclamacyon, thyng or matyer yn any wyse had, made, or gyven, or to be had, made, or gyven to the contrary notwithstondyng. And furthermore of our further Grace especyall, we haue lycencyd, and by theys Presentys doo lycence the foresayed Maysters and Rulers, and theyr sayed Succes-

sours,

sours, for the tyme beyng, that they, nor any of them, shall from hensforth be empanelled, or compelled to be upon any maner of Quest or Jurye, upon what matyer soeuer yt be withyn our Cytye of London, or other place withyn thys oure Realme. And ouerthis, we wott and graunte for vs, oure Heyres and Successours, to the sayed Maysters and Rulers and Commynaltye by thyes Presentys, that when and as often as the sayed Maysters and Rulers and Commynaltye, and theyr Successours, or any of them, shall vse, pronounce, and openly speke thys vsuall worde commonly vsed to be spoken before he or they shote, that is, to say this worde Faste. And after this worde spoken, yf yt shall happyn any parson or parsons, by the ouersight of any parson or parsons, ronnyng, passyng or goyng betweene any suche shoter, and the marke or place whereto any such Maysters and Rulers and Comynaltye, or any of them shall hereafter shoote, to be kylled or otherwyse hurt, so the same be a vsuall and a knowne marke set yn an open place, accustomed to be shote at, that then any such Mayster, Ruler, and Brother whatsoever, shall happyn not by that occasion be attached, arrested, ymprysoned, sued, vexed, troubled, or otherwyse ynquyetted, nor shall not be

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ympeched nor otherwyse molested or troubled for the same, nor shall not suffer death, nor lose any membre, or forfeicte any maner, good, landys, tenementys or hereditamentys, or any goodys, catellys, or other profyttys for the same; Any Acte, Statute, Proclamacyon, Prouysyon, or any other matyer or thynge yn any wyse had, made, giuen, proclamed or prouyded, or hereafter to be had, giuen, made, proclamed or prouyded at any tyme to the contrary notwithstanding. And furthermore, we wott and graunte that thyes oure Letters Patentys shall passe vnder oure Great Seale wythout fyne or fee, great or small, in oure Chauncery, to oure vse, or to thuse of oure Heyres, or yn the hanaper of oure sayed Chauncerye to be contented or payed for the same. That expresse mencyon of the true yerely value, or of any other value or certentye of the Premysses, or of any of them, or of any other Guiftes or Grauntes by vs, or by any of our Progenitours or Predeceffours to the aforesayed Cryftofer, Antony, and Peter, or any of them before thyes tymes made in thyes Presents ys not made, Or any Statute, Acte, Ordynaunce, Prouysyon or Restraynt thereof to the contrary before thyes times made,

made, ordeyned, or prouyded, or any o-ther thynge, cause, or matter whatso-euer yn any wyse notwythstanding. In wyt-nes whereof we haue caused thyes oure Let-ters to be made Patentys, Wytnes oure self at Westminster the xxv daye of August, the xxix yere of oure Reigne.

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THE PATENT OF King JAMES Concerning ARCHERIE.

JAMES by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defendor of the faith, &c. To our truſtie and welbeloued the Lord Maior of our Citty of London for the tyme being, and to our righte truſty and right welbeloued Councellor Thomas Lord Elleſmere, Lord Chancellour of England, and to our righte truſtie and righte welbeloued Coſens and Councellors Thomas Earle of Dorſet, our high Treaſorer of England,

Thomas

Thomas Earle of Suffolk, Chamberlaine of our Houſhould, Charles Earle of Devonſhire, Maſter of our Ordinance, Robert Earle of Salisburie, our principall Secretary; And to our truſtie and welbeloved Councellor Sir John Popham Knight, Chéef Juſtice of the Pleas before vs to be holden aſſigned; And alſo to our truſtie and welbeloved Sir Julius Ceaſar, Sir Roger Wilbraham Knight, Maſters of our Courte of Requeſts, Sir Edward Coke Knight, our Attorney Generall, Sir Thomas Challenor Knight, Sir John Egerton the younger, Knight, Sir Thomas Vavaſor Knight, Marſhall of our Houſhould, Sir William Waade Knight, Lieftenaunt of our Tower of London, Sir Thomas Knyvett, Sir Stephen Soame, Sir Walter Cope, Sir Edmond Bowier, Sir Thomas Fowler, Sir Thomas Lake, Sir Henry Mountegue, Recorder of London, Sir George Coppin Clerk of the Crowne, Sir Thomas Windebanke, Sir Thomas Middleton, Sir Thomas Bennet, Sir Thomas Lowe, Sir Thomas Grymes, Knights; Nicholas Fuller, Nicholas Colyn, Toby Wood, Edward Vaughan, Hughe B., Eſquiers; Thomas Thorney, Hughe Middleton, John Browne, Rowland Swarte, William Uxley, William Dutcombe, Nicholas Askew, Edward Mellowes,

lowes, Edward Harveſt, Hughe Goddard, Michael Crowne, George Walter, James Trafforde, Francis Moſeley, Francis Medlicote, Henry Addys, Nicholas Parks, John Redman, John Giles, Richard Falſham, Thomas Wood, Michael Suſſen, Chriſtopher Potkin, Richard Huff, Roberte Harland, Nicholas Gonge, Paull Smithe, Robert Carr, Danyell Godfrey, John Skeyff, Thomas Gardiner, William Robinſon, Thomas Hughes, Randolph Fenton, Edward Roberts, John Baker, John Chambers, John Vauaſor, James Hodgeſon, Valentine Long, John Bendbowe, Chriſtopher Thacker, Nicholas Plunkett, William Hodges, John Reignolds, William Brownlowe, Jerrard Pettam, Marke White, William Smithe, John Tutt, George Haſtings, Chriſtopher Allington, William Biggs, Henry Ratcliff, Roger Aldredg, John Granett, George Budd, James Kenden, Chriſtopher Alliſone, Adam Iſlipp, and John Halloway, Gentlemen, Greeting; Albeit ſundry verie good and laudable Statutes, Ordinances, Proviſions and Proclamations heretofore have been had and made, aſwell by vs, as by our moſt noble Progenitors and Predeceſſors, for the mayntenaunce of Archery and Artillery within this our Realme of England, whereby the ſame being put in due execution in tymes paſt,

hathe

hathe not onlie bredd and encreased a great
force and strength towards the mayntenn
aunce, defence, and safety of this our said
Realme against Forein Powers, but also
feare and terror to all other Realms and
Forein Enemies in tymes of Warr and
Hostility: Yet the same good Statutes,
Ordynances, and Proclamations made
by vs and our said noble Progenitors, can
not nowe so well take place as they ought,
and haue done in tymes past, and specially
about our Citty of London, by reason that
diuerse and sundry persons, having about
our said Citty of London diuerse Landes,
Tenements, and Hereditaments, and seek
ing to enclose the same, otherwise then hath
bine accustomed, to the advancement of
their owne singuler benefitts and gaine,
without respect of others Commoditie, haue
pluckt away, and yet still do mind to pluck
away from our lovinge Subiects, the ne
cessarie and profitable Exercise of shooting
in such Feilds and Closes, as tyme out
of mynde, haue bine allowed to be shott in,
aswell by making of such Bankes and
Hedges, as also by pluckinge up of the
oulde Marks of ancyent tyme standing in
the said Closes; Insomuch that our said
Subiects being in the common Feilds,
and for diuersities and change of Markes,
seeking to finde a Marke in the said Closes

and

and ſeuerall Grounds, cannot by reaſon for the moſt parte, the Banckes and Hedges beinge made of ſuch a height, as the Grounds of the ſaid Cloſes or Feilds within the ſaid Banckes; As alſo by reaſon that where the Bancke or Hedge beinge but of indifferent height, the Ditches be made ſo broad and deep, and wanting Bridges and other conuenient Places to paſſe through and ouer the ſame, that our ſaid Subiects, the Archers, vſing their Trade and Paſtime, be very much hinder, lett, and diſcouraged therein, and often tymes in great perill and danger for lacke of conuenient roomes and places to ſhoote in: And as we are credibly informed, by reaſon of the aforeſaid Ditching, Hedging, and Encloſures, it ys verie like there will grow a verie greate ſtraight and want of roome about our ſaid Citty of London, aſwell for ſuch as doe preſently vſe the ſaid game of ſhooting, as alſo for thoſe that ſhall hereafter exerciſe, vſe, or occupie the ſaid Game and Paſtime, to the greate hinderance and decay, aſwell of the ſaid vſe and exerciſe of ſhooting, as alſo of the ſaid Statutes, Ordynances, Prouiſions and Proclamations, and contrarie to the antyent Cuſtomes heretofore vſed about our ſaid Citty of London, whereby might enſue to ſundrie of our ſaid Subiects octaſi-

on to haunt and frequent some other kynde of vnlawfull Games (whereunto there are to many inclined) which our meaninge is, shalbe in no wise suffered. For avoydinge whereof, and for reformation of the forsaid inormityes, and of all such other as might hereafter growe, by reason of the kinge away of the libertie and scope of ancyent tyme, accustomed to be had about our said Citty of London for Archers; And trusting to your approved Wisdomes, Fidelityes, and good Discrecions, We haue assigned and appointed you to be our Commissioners, and by theis Presents doe giue vnto you, and everie of you, and to the number of any fyve of you, full power and authoritie, not onlie to survey all such Groundes next adjoyninge to our said Citty of London, and the Suburbs of the same, and within twoe miles compasse on any parte of our said Citty and Suburbes, as before haue bine accustomed, and where haue had Markes in them for Archers to shoot at, or which any of our lovinge Subiects, or of our Auncestors, haue exercised themselves in shooting, and the same to reduce, or cause to be reduced to such order and estate for Archers, as they were in the beginnyng of the Raigne of the late Kinge of famous memorie, Kinge Henry the Eight; but also calling before you

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or any six of you, as well the Owner and Owners, Fermor and Fermors, and Occupiers of such Grounds about our Citty of London, In which, since the first yeare of the Raigne of the said Kinge Henry the Eight, haue bine made any broad deep Ditches, highe Banck:s, and Quicksets or Hedges thereupon, beinge thought by you, or any six of you, to be overthrown and made plain, or otherwise to be reformed; And also such and as many honest and lawfull men of our said Citty of London, or Countie of Middlesex, or either of them, whose disposition, knowledge, and experience in the Premisses, or any part thereof, you shall thinke good to vnderstand and know, And you, and every of you, to examine, aswell upon their Oathes as otherwyse, touching the Premisses, as to the Wisdomes of you, or any six of you, shall be thought most conuenient; And upon the knowledge of the defaits and annoyances in the Premisses, or any parte thereof, Our pleasure ys, and We give vnto you, or any six of you, full power and auctority by theis Presents, to cause the same to be, by the said Owner and Owners, Fermor and Fermors, or any Occupiers, at their own proper Costes and Charges, to be amended, reformed, altred and exchanged in such maner and forme, and within

such tyme, as to the Wisedomes and Discretions of you, or any fire of you, shall be thought méete and convenyend, whome our pleasure and commandement ys, that whatsoever shalbe in and about the Premisses donn and executed by you, or any fire of you, by vertue and auctority of this our Commission, you cause the same firmely to be observed: Auctorising you, or any fire of you, further by theis Presents, That all such person or persons, being Owner or Owners, Fermor or Fermors, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Grounds, or any of them, as you, or any fire of you, shall finde negligent, gaynsaying, rebelling, resisting, or any mean or way in any wise notwithstanding against you, or any fire of you, in the due execution thereof, or not obeying your Orders or Decrées in the Premisses, to be had or made by vertue of theis Presents, That you, or any fire of you, cause him or them offending, to be punished or payned by Imprisonment, or otherwise by Fine and Amercement to our vse, as by your said Wisdomes shalbe thought requisite, vntill he or they shall conforme him or themselves to your Order in the Premisses. And for the better execution of this our said Commission and Auctority to you given, We charge and command all Maiors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Bayliffs,

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ſtables, and all other our Officers, Miniſters and Subiects, to be ayoing, helping and aſſiſting you, and everie of you, in the due execution thereof, as they will aunſwere to the contrarie. In witnes whereof we haue cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents, Witnes our ſelf at Weſtminſter the firſte Daie of February, in the thirde yeare of our Raigne of England, Fraunce and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine and thirtieth.

THE PATENT OF King *CHARLES*. Concerning ARCHERIE.

CHARLES by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defendor of the Faith, &c. To our trusty and welbeloved the Lord Maior of the City of London for the time being, and to our trusty and right welbeloved Counsellor Thomas Lord Coventry, Lord Keeper of our Great Seale of England, Richard Lord Weston, Lord high Treasurer of England, and to our right trusty and

welbeloved Cosen and Counsellor, Philip Earle of Pembroke and Mountgomery, Lord Chamberlaine of our Housholo, and to our right trusty and welbeloved Cosin Edward Earl of Norwich, and to our trusty and welbeloved, Henry Lord Levington, George Lord Goring, and to our right trusty and welbeloved, Sir Thomas Richardson Chief Justice of the Peace, and to our trusty and welbeloved Sir John Coke Knight, one of our principal Secretaries of State, before vs to be holden and assigned, Sir Robert Carr Knight, Gentleman of our Bed-chamber, Sir Henry Myldmay Knight, Master of our Jewels, Sir Thomas Alsbury Knight, one of our Masters of our Court of Requests, Sir Robert Rich Knight, one of our Masters of our Court of Chancery, Sir William Bulford Knight, Lieutenant of our Tower of London, Sir John Heydon Knight, Lieutenant Gen:ral of our Ordnance, Edward Littleton Esquire, Recorder of our City of London, Sir Kenellyne Oysby, Sir Thomas Foweler, Sir Henry Spiller, Sir Percivall Hart, Sir Henry Hart, Sir Leonard Harvy, Sir Edward Cane, Sir John Shatt, Sir Thomas Jarrat, Sir Hugh Hamersley Knights, Sir Robert Ducy Knight and Baronet, Thomas Moulsow and Samuel Cranmer, Aldermen of London,

don, Thomas Cary, Endymeon Porter, William Carr, George Longe, Richard Louder, Richard Gibbs, John Greene, William Williams, William Johnſon, Abraham Davies, John Jacobbs, George Fowler, John Harriſon, Nathaniel Bacon, Bulſtrod Whitlocke, Andrew Browne, Edward Hubbard, John Hartwell, John Plumber, William Wheeler, Ralph Wilbraham, James Glygorne, Thomas Gilborne, Samuel Armytage, Robert Robinſon Eſquires, Humfrey Edwards, John Wheeler, Nicholas Askwett, Will. Hodges, Rowland Wilſon, George Walker, Adam Iſlip, Tho. Naylor, John Taylor, Roger Haſſal, Edw. Wormall, William Bartlet, Joſ. Bradſhaw, John Elſton, William Kathrens, Anthony Blades, Nicholas Butler, William Parker, Hugh Edmonds, Jephry Smallman, Robert Budd, Thomas Bowyn, Francis King, William Addams, Francis Neve, John Hallywell, Robert Aſhwell, John Ellds, Richard Caucett, Tobyas Richardſon, Kelleway Gooydott, Richard Draper, John Hodges, William Lambe, Richard Butler, Thomas Hughs, Thomas Redding, John Powell, Peter Wright, Thomas Chapman, Thomas Chane, Thomas Ferris, George Low, William Williams, Alexander Tracye, Martyn Grymſton, John Baker, Henry Lee, Thomas Backſton, Edward Taylor, Nicholas

Tench,

Tench, George Hull, John Stancy, Samuel Baker, William Needs, John Powell, John Jefferson, Thomas Cooke, Robert Wall, Brooke, James Mason, Francis Gray, Anthony Lee, John Gover, Richard Yeame, Henry Shelsbery, Lanclet Hobson, Steaven Estweek, Cornelius Cooke, William Crofte, John Newgate and Andrew Holdsworth, Gentlemen, Greeting: Albeit sundry good and laudable Statutes, Ordinances, Provisions, and Proclamations heretofore have bin had and made, as well by Us as by our most Noble Progenitors and Predecessors, for the maintenance of Archerie and Artillery within this our Realme of England, whereby the same being put in due Execution in times past, hath not only bred and increased a great Force and Strength towards the maintenance, defence, and safety of this our said Realme against Forraine Enemies in time of War and Hostility; Yet the same good Statutes, Ordinances, and Proclamations made by us, and our Noble Progenitors, cannot now so well be executed as they ought and have done in times past, espetially about our Citty of London, by reason that divers and sundry persons having about our Citty of London aforesaid, divers Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and seeking to inclose the same, otherwise then hath bin

accustomed to the advancement of their own singuler profit and gaine, without respect of others Commodity, have pluckt away, and yet still doe minde to plucke away from our loving Subjects the necessarie and profitable Exercise of shooting in such fields and Closes, as time out of mind have bin allowed to be shott in; as well by making of such Bankes and Hedges, as also by plucking up of old Markes of antient times standing in the same Closes: Insomuch that our said Subjects being in the common Fields, and for diversities and change of Markes, seeking to find a Marke in the said Closes, and severall Grounds, cannot see the grounds of the said Closes or Fields within the Bankes and Hedges, because they be made of so great height; and where the Bankes and Hedges be but of an indifferent height, the Ditches be made soe broade and deepe, and wanting of Bridges and other convenient places to pass through and over the same, that our said Subjects, the Archers, using the commendable Exercise and Pastime, be very much hindred, letted and discouraged therein, and often times in great danger and perill for lack of convenient roomes and places to shoote in. And as we be credibly informed, by reason of the aforesaid Ditchings, Hedg-

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ings and Inclosures, it is very like they will grow a great straight and want of roome about our Citty of London, as well for such as do presently use the said Exercise of shooting, as also for those that shall be hereafter exercised in the said Game and Pastime, to the great hinderance and decay of the said Use and Exercise of Shooting, contrary to the purpose and true meaning of the Statutes, Ordinances, Provisions and Proclamations, and contrary to the antient Customes heretofore used about the said Citty of London, whereby might ensue to sundry of our said Subjects, occation to haunt and frequent some other kind of unlawful Games, whereunto they be too much inclined, which our meaning is shalbe in no wise suffered: For the avoiding whereof, and for reformation of the foresaid Inormityes, and of all such as might hereafter grow, by reason of taking away the libertie and stop of antient time accustomed to be had about our said Citty of London for Archers, and trusting to your approved Wisdomes, Fidelities and good Discretions, We have assigned and appointed you to be our Commissioners, and by these Presents doe give unto you, and to everie or anie six or more of you, full power and authority, not only to survey

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all such Grounds next adjoyning to our said Citty of London, and the Suburbs of the same, as before have bin accustomed and used to have bin Marks in them for Archers to shoot at; or in the which anie of our loving Subjects, or the Subjects of anie of our Ancestors have exercized themselves in shooting, and the same to reduce, or cause to be reduced, to such order and state for Archers, as they were in the beginning of the Raigne of our late King James, our Father of blessed memorie, but also calling before you, or any six or more of you, as well the Owner and Owners, Farmer and Farmers, Occupier and Occupiers of such Grounds about our said Citty of London, in the which since the first year of the Raigne of the late King James have bin made broad deepe Ditches, high Banks, and Quickets or Hedges thereupon, being thought by you, or any six or more of you, to be overthrowne and made plaine, or otherwise to be reformed: And also such, and as manie lawfull and honest men of our said Citty of London, and County of Middlesex, or either of them, whose dispositions, knowledge and experience in the Premisses, or anie part thereof, you shall think good to understand and know, and them, and everie of them to examine, as well upon their Oathes as otherwise, touching the Premisses,

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thought more convenient: And upon
knowledge of the Defaults and Annoy
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ders or Decrées in the Premisses, to be had or made by vertue of theise Psents, that you, or anie six or more of you, cause him or them offending to be punished as by your said Wisdomes shall be thought requisite, until he or they shall conforme themselves to your order in the Premisses. And for the better execution of this our Commission and Authoritie by you given, We charge and command all Maiors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other our Officers, Ministers and Subjects to be aiding, helping and assisting to you, and every one of you, in the due execution thereof, as they will answere the contrary. In witnes whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents, Witnes our self at Westminster the 20th day of December, in the Eighth yeare of our Raigne.

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A REMEMBRANCE

Of the worthy

SHOW and SHOOTING

BY THE

DUKE of *SHOREDITCH*,

AND HIS

ASSOCIATES

THE

Worshipful Citizens of *London*,

UPON

Tuesday the 17*th* of *September*, 1583.

Set forth according to the Truth thereof, to the everlasting Honour of the Game of Shooting in the Long Bow.

EX MUSEO BRITANNICO

By *W. M.*

London, Printed in the Year 1682.

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REMEMBRANCE

OF the worthy

SHOW and SHOOTING

BY THE

DUKE of SHOREDITCH,

AND HIS

ASSOCIATES

THE

Worshipful Citizens of London,

UPON

Tuesday the 23rd of September, 1583.

Set forth according to the Truth thereof,

to the everlasting Honour of the Game of

Shooting in the Long Bow.

By W. M.

London, Printed in the Year 1583.

To the Worthy

SHOREDITCH DUKE,

And his Two

NEPHEWS,

Sons to the

EARL of *PANCRIDGE*,

AND

To all the Worshipful Citizens and Chief Archers of the City of *London*:

W. H. wisheth continuance of Health, with Increase of Honour.

BOldly have I presumed (Right Worshipful Members of this Honourable City) to publish unto the Eyes of the World, your late

laudable Work, which not only beautified this City, but the whole Realm of England. *Rare was the Sight, great was the Cost, yet greater your good Wills; the Report whereof will be in memory while* London *lasteth. Now seeing no man taketh in hand to describe the same as it deserved, and pitying greatly it should lye hidden, I considered that blind Bayard oft times seemeth boldest, and thereupon my self (though least able of all other) have presumed, under your Correction, to publish the Truth of what I noted in the Train: Therein purposing, that though to your own Ears it bringeth no matter of Delight, yet the Truth of this seemly Show (which Fame hath far spread abroad) may through this Realm be expressed; as also left in Remembrance unto your Childrens Children, and their Posterity after them: Beseeching therefore that your Wisedomes*

domes would accept my good Will, for which I remain thankful during my Life.

Your Worships

In all Humility,

W. M.

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REMEMBRANCE

Of the Worthy

SHOW and SHOOTING

BY THE

DUKE of *SHOREDITCH*,

AND HIS

ASSOCIATES,

THE

Worſhipful Citizens of *London*.

THE Learned in time paſt have greatly commended the penning of Hiſtories, becauſe that by them their Poſterity is certified, what hath been done in the days of their Anceſtors;

the benefit whereof is greatly considered in the wisest of this Age, and I would it were unknown to none. Our Elders heretofore that have registred the great Battels and Skirmishes in times past, mention that the Long-Bow hath done great acts, and been the overthrow of mighty Armies: Wherefore considering what profit and honour our Commonwealth of *England* hath gained by the Long-Bow, I have thought convenient to set down in Memory that most honourable Show of Archers, which was at *London* on the Seventeenth of *September*, 1583. chiefly for two Causes: First, To exhort our Countrymen to continue at home this laudable Exercise, the better to discourage our Enemies when they haply hear thereof, that by so notable a thing shewed but in a Merriment, may the better conjecture what English men could do, if necessity compelled them to the same. Secondly, To follow the Custome of our Ancestors, which is, to leave Enrolled such Matter as is worthy Memory, that so good a Work might seem new in such our Successors, and procure them to the furtherance of the like Causes in themselves.

The Prince of famous Memory, King *Henry* the Eighth, having red in the Chro-

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nicles of *England*, and ſeen in his own time how armies mixed with good Archers, have evermore ſo galled the Enemy, that it hath been great cauſe of the Victory, he being one day at *Mile-end* when Prince *Arthur* and his Knights were there ſhooting, did greatly commend the Game, and allowed thereof, lauding them to their Encouragement.

This noble King at another time keeping a Princely Court at *Windſor*, cauſed ſundry Matches to be made concerning ſhooting in the Long-Bow: and to which came many principal Archers, who being in Game and the upſhoot given, as all men thought, there was one *Barlo* yet remaining to ſhoot, being one of the Kings Guard; to whom the King very graciouſly ſaid, Win them all and thou ſhalt be Duke over all Archers. This *Barlo* drew his Bow, and ſhooting won the beſt. Whereat the King greatly rejoiced, commending him for his good Archery; and for that this *Barlo* did dwell in *Shoreditch*, the King named him *Duke* of *Shoreditch*. (A ſign of a Princly mind to the encouragement of his poor ſubject.) The memory of all which, both by Prince *Arthur* and the Duke of *Shoreditch*, hath been greatly revived, and within theſe five years ſet forward at

at the great Coſt and Charges of ſundry chief Citizens, whoſe Names I omit. And now this preſent year 1583. much more beautified than ever it was, as hereafter is expreſſed. The worthy *Shoreditch* Duke, as Succeſſor to the former Dukes his Predeceſſors, gave warning to all his Marqueſſes, Earls and Barons, with all their Train of Archers whatſoever, in and about the City of *London*, to be in a readineſs to accompany him into the Field, every one with a Long-Bowe and four Shafts, upon the Seventeenth of *September*, and to meet him in *Smithfield*, which they did for the moſt part.

On which Day in the Morning, the Duke being at *Marchant-Taylors Hall*, there repaired unto him all thoſe that were appointed for the Conducting of his Perſon to the place of Meeting, as Barons, and a Multitude of good Archers under his own Enſign; who, with ſound of Trumpets, Drums, and other neceſſary Inſtruments for the beautifying of the ſame, paſſed along *Broadſtreet*, where the Duke dwelleth, marching through *Moorgate* to *Finsbury-Fields*, and from thence into *Smithfield*, where a great many attended for him: then the black Train, and the Goldſmiths went forward into *Holborn*, the Duke and his Com-

Company following in a seemly order; where coming against *Hatton-House*, the Goldsmiths staid, and cast themselves into Ranks, that the Duke might have fair passage between them: So that the Train being now marching along, and the Duke passing by the Marquess *Barlo*, alias *Covell*, he presented to his Nobleness a Wedge of Gold, in sign of good will, which the Duke very thankfully accepted; then came the black Train, offering by a Page a Speech to this effect, *That he was ready to aid him with all his Power, for his safety, into the Field:* Whereat the Page, out of a Box, flung abroad, glistering like Gold, certain Spangles, in sign of Liberality.

Then came the Marquess of *Clarkenwell* with Hunters, who having been abroad with their Hounds, did wind their Horns; so that the noise of them, together with the yelling and yelping of the Hounds, and the whooping and hollowing of their Pages which followed, there was such a delight taken by the hearers thereof, as is worth Memory; which Marquess coming with his Forester, profered his Service to the Duke, which he thankfully accepted; which Hunters were under the Earl of *Pancridge*, whose two Sons being Nephews to the Duke,

Duke, came with their power of Knights, Barons and Squires, accompanied with many good and excellent Archers, taking place, to the honour of the Duke, into the Field. Then the Goldsmiths took their place behind the Duke, whose Gunners, when the Duke was even past, gave a worthy Volley of Shot, which rung in the Air like a Thunder Clap; and so took place in the hindward. Then went all the Train through *Chancery-lane*, and turned towards *London* down *Fleetstreet*, until they came to *Ludgate*, where stood ready to receive them into the the City, certain Knights of great worship, with many other of the Aldermen of the City, and sundry principal Commoners in the same, who being men of years, and had born great good will to the laudable Game of Shooting, entred with fair large Arrows in their Hands, in black Gowns, Citizen-like, and took their place behind the Duke; and as they yet passed through *Pauls* Church-yard on the South-side, there came sundry Citizens forth unto them, all in their Gowns, and took place, every one having an Arrow, as before, to the better beautifying and setting forth of the same. Thus passed they through into *Cheapside*, who by that time they were come thither, all their Train was in place, & marched as followeth.

Sir *Owen Hopton* her *Majesties Lieutenant of the* Tower *of* London, *Sir* Rowland Haward, *and divers Aldermen of* London

At Paul's *School came unto them the Marchant-Taylors in their Gowns, every one having a fair broad Arrow in their hands*

First

First came two Ensigns before the Marshal of the Field, the Marshal being clad in green Velvet and Sattin, with a Trunchion in his hand: Then followed him forty Foresters, apparelled all in Green, every one bearing a Bow and four Shafts by their side, with horns at their backs, which they winded as they went along.

And between every one of them Pages in white Frocks girt unto them, upon which was sowed green Oaken Leaves, with Caps made in the same manner, every One bearing a Tiller-Bow or Cross-Bow, and broad Arrows in their hands, to the number of Forty, all whooping and hallowing when the Hunters did wind their Horns. Then came six Trumpets sounding, with Drums and Fifes, guarded with Halberds; then came the Marquess of *Islington* with 12 Knights, and those several had six Gentlemen attendant on them, and Pages in white Fustian with black Stripes, and Caps agreeable, bearing Shields, with a seemly show of Archers, wearing about their Necks and Bodies green Ribbons, and large green Scarfs. Next followed a fair, large, red Streamer, with the red Lion, with Halberds, Drums, & proper Pages in green, with Taffety Night-caps, bearing Shields & Shafts in their hands. Next five *Swattrutters* strangely apparalled

Mr Beadel *in* Paternoster-Row, *and Mr.* Smith *in* Pauls *Churchyard chiefest.*

These 5 green men were prepared by Mr. Wood *who being continual Rangers did both express his name, and beautifie the Show. His Badge also bare a fair Shield, upon which stood this Sentence,* Moreways than one to the Wood.

led with great Hose down to the small of their Legs, with strange Caps agreeable, bearing on their Necks long Swords, which seemed very stearn in Countenance: Then followed five green men clad in Ivie, with Clubs on their Necks, which were young Trees, and the Roots upward; with a worthy Show of Bowmen, who for the most part wore Ribbons of coloured Orange Tawny, and Oringes hanging at them.

The Marquess of S. Johns wood brought the wild men.

Then came the residue of the Earl of *Pancridge*'s Train in the Fore-front thereof; the two sons to the Earl of *Pancridge* (himself not present, but his cost and Charges in sign of a willing mind did largely appear,) with a worthy Company of excellent good Archers acompanied with Trumpets, Halberds Drums, Ensigns, and all other things necessary to the beautifying of the same to their great praise, for their large Liberalities, besides the great bountifulness of the Earl their Father.

Next following the Felowship and neer Neighbours of *Ludgate* parts; who ta the Furtherance of this Show, had been at great cost in provision of Trumpets, Drums, Ensigns, Fifes, and other Furniture, the most part were Haberdashers of *London*, who

Especially M. Blamor *chief of them.*

who very orderly marched through the City of *London*, being ſumptuouſly apparelled in Velvet Jerkins, and Hats agreeable, with Chains of Gold about their Bodies, and Pages bearing their Shields of fine workmanſhip, and a worthy Train of good Archers wearing green Scarſes and Ribbons of the ſame colour. The ſhow of Feryers proceeded, which was One hundred handſome Fellowes with Calivers on their Necks, all trimly decked with white Feathers in their Hats; ſo had all their Company of Archers throughout: Then their Enſign and two Cardinals, wearing broad Hats of Tawny colour, with two ſilk ſtrings buttoned under their Chins; the ends hanging down to their feet, apparelled in red Velvet and Satten; next followed two Friers clothed in black Robes, with bald Crowns and Beads in their hands, ſeeming to pray very devoutly, and bleſſing them that paſſed by, cauſing great laughing and ſport.

Then came the whole Inhabitants following, beautifying the Show, very coſtly apparelled, with a Child in the midſt of them, mounted on a great Horſe richly trapped, ſounding a Trumpet, to the great wonder of many the beholders.

Then

Then followed the Citizens and Inhabitants of *Fleetbridge*, *Fleetſtreet*, and *Temple-bar*, with a Show worth the beholding, of ſeemly Archers, all bravely apparelled in Silks and Chains, with their Enſigns, Drums, Trumpets, and ſuch other Furniture. Then the odd Deviſe of Saint *Clements* Pariſh, which but ten days before had made the ſame Show in their own Pariſh, in ſetting up the Queens Majeſties Stake in *Holborn fields*, which Stakemaſter *Knevit*, one of the Gentlemen of her Majeſties Chamber, gave unto them at his coſt and Charges. And a Gunn worth three pound, made of Gold, to be given unto him that beſt deſerved it by ſhooting in a Peece at the Mark which was ſet up on purpoſe at Saint *Lame's* Wall; whereby was to be ſeen the great good will of ſo bountiful and worſhipful a Gentleman; who hath promiſed yearly, during his life, to give five ſhillings more to the ſame; the gift was given for a year to the Winner, and to the Pariſh for ever: The liberality of the right honorable Lords of the Nobility, their Bountifulneſs towards the feaſting of the whole Pariſh alſo, is worthy remembrance. The maner of the Show was, firſt, Saint *Clement* wearing a Rochet and a Miter, having a long gray beard, rid upon a Horſe, with his

The L. of Leiceſter gave them 2 Bucks, & 40 s. in money.

The E. of Arundel did lend them his houſe to feaſt in, beſides a hogſhead of wine, and Veniſon, which he gave them.

his man before him, between two hampers full of ſmall white loves, giving of Bread unto the poor, or any that would have the ſame: having alſo twelve men following on foot in white Canvas Caps, and Canvas Frocks girt to them, with Baskets on their ſhoulders, waiting upon him, having a blew Anchor painted on their breaſts and backs, finding it ſo regiſtred of him in their Legendary, That S. *Clement* was firſt a Baker, who for his good wit and honeſt life, was made a Biſhop, and after a Saint. After this Show came all the young men of S. *Clements* Pariſh, very well apparelled with Chains and ſome Scarfs; every one having his Page attending upon him in black Frocks, decked with Silver, with Caps agreeable with Edgings of white Furrs, very ſeemly, bearing Shields and Shafts, which before did carry the Guns of the Batchelors, when they went to ſet up the Stake, and to ſhoot for the gilded Gun. Next followed the ancient Houſholders of the ſame Pariſh, with their Pages, having an Enſign, with Drums, and ſuch other Furniture, with a worthy Show of Archers following.

Then came the Marqueſs of *Hogſden* with a ſtately Enſign of red Crimſon Damask, in the midſt of the which Enſign there

was a Phenix in ſilver carried by two men on two Staves, with ſound of Trumpets and Drums; the Show beautified with Pages as before, Handſwords to make room, and Halberds to guide and keep them in order.

After them came the Marqueſs of *Shackelwell*, chief Treaſurer to the Duke, with his Men, every one with white and green Ribbons, and Badges in their Hats, before whom was carried a moſt fair and long Enſign of red Damask, in the which was the Golden Lion: After the Enſign followed two with Hand-ſwords, to make room, and then after them two Pages all in white Jackets, upon the which was painted with poudred Armour, and the one Page bare a Shield, on the which was painted a Well, on one ſide of the Well there was a a Leg, and on the other an Arm, both Arm and Leg ſhackled to the Well, and branches of Box ſpringing out of the ſame; the other Page a broad Arrow in his hand.

Next after this Company came the Maſter Comptroller of the Duke's Houſe with his Men, every man having a Bow and four Arrows as the reſt, and green Ribbons about their Necks.

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Then came a large Table, wherein was written a Deſcription of the benefit of the Shooting in the Long-Bow, and how ſhooting hath been decayed, and by whom reſtored; advertiſing men from all unlawful Games, as Dicing, Carding, Tipling in Alehouſes, and ſuch like, wiſhing to have the Exerciſe of Shooting to be had in uſe both by Maſters and Servants, to the ſtrength and commodity of this Realm, as alſo to the terror of all Forreign Enemies, beſides two Tables drawn with Inſcriptions of honeſt Exerciſe: Then came two fair Enſigns, white and black, with Whifflers in Chains of Gold, with white Staves, and Henchmen following them bearing Shields, every Shield painted with a ſeveral Deviſe; then came the Duke himſelf, going between two fine Pages bearing Shafts, the Duke bearing a Standard Arrow in his hand, and being apparalled in a long Gown, Citizen-like, with a Hat on his Head, agreeable to the order of the chief Commoners of the City; then after him followed Sir *Owen Hopton* Knight, Lieutenant of her Majeſties *Tower* of *London*, Sir *Rowland Hayward*, with other the Aldermen and Citizens of *London*, bearing Standard Arrows in their hands, with a ſeemly Company of Archers: Then came the

Earl of *Buckley* close with Master *Dave* at *Aldersgate*, with a Show of Marquesses and Barons, accompanied with many Knights of Archery, beautified with Trumpets, Drums, Ensigns, and Halberds, all the Archers wearing green Scarfs; the black Prince having twelve Knights, and a Troop of Barons following him in Chains of Gold very orderly, and between them Pages in green Jackets and green Taffety Night-caps, all dropped with Gold and Conceits of rare Device on their Shields.

Then last of his Train came the Baron *Stirrop*, whose costly Stake will be in memory after he is dead, now standing at *Mile-end*. This Baron brought a seemly Show of good Archers, all with green Ribbons about their Neck, and Escocheons in their Caps with the gilded Stirrop, expressing the truth of his Name: Who, besides his great Cost and Charges in Feasting of his Archers, did chuse many good Ringers of his Neighbours, who in the Morning early did Ring at the chiefest Churches about *London*, for the honour of the Duke and his Company, feasting them in most commendable manner for their pains, who in the going out of the Duke through the City, did also Ring the Bells in many chief Churches all the

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way he went, and likewiſe at his coming home, to their great pains and labour.

Laſt of all came the Goldſmiths, accompanied with ſome other Inhabitants in *Cheapſide* and elſewhere, that joyned with them in Company. The Invention of the Show was worthy noting: Firſt came Trumpets and Drums, with two Handſwords playing, making room, with a fair beautified Enſign: Then the ancienteſt ſort firſt in Gowns and Hats, with every one a fair large Arrow in his hand, expreſſing the good will to the Long-Bow, and now being aged, do give over that laudable Game to their Sons and Servants, yet ſtill well-willers to the Action; and every one of them had his Page ſeemly cloathed in red Mandilians, ſtriped with ſilver, like broad Laces, and Caps of red Taffety, edged with white Furr; theſe carried their Shields of ſundry Deviſes, in the one of their hands, and an Arrow in the other hand: Then came a Ship ready rigged, carried Pagent-wiſe, and cunningly made to toſs and lean ſometimes on the one ſide, and ſometimes on the other, with a Sea-fiſh ready to overthrow the ſame, thruſting forth her Head, and plucking it in again, in the midſt of the Waves, and two Indians or Blackmores

Marqueſs Barlo, alias Covell, was the chief in the Forefront of the Shooters.

to go near unto it: On the one end of the Ship ſtood the *Unicorne*, on the other end the *Maremaid*. The Ship ſeemed as though it had newly come from *India*, and by great travel and danger had brought home her burden, laden with Gold and Silver: Then followed the younger Men of their Train, and for the moſt part apparalled in Sattin Dublets, ſilk Hats, Chains of Gold about their Bodies, and ſilk Hoſe, with a Bow and four Shafts, and every one had his Page going before him in red Mandilians, as before mentioned, and Caps accordingly ſutable, ſome bearing Pickers, ſome Spades, and ſome Hammers, ſignifying as though they came from the *Indies*, and had thence, by great labour, brought home that Treaſure which the Ship carried: And others carried Wedges of Gold, and ſome of them Silver, which by Workmanſhip is made out of the ſame Earth that the Ship bringeth; and every one of theſe Pages had upon their Mandilions theſe Sentences written both before and behind;

Honeſt labour procureth health,
By honeſt labour men come to wealth.

Thus every one had his Page bearing theſe Tools, like Workmen by whoſe Labor many

many things are made out of Gold and Silver to the uſe of all men, and to the avoiding of Idleneſs. Then upon a Staff was borne in the midſt of the ſame Show, a Coronet, whereat hung three Arrows of Silver, very workmanly made; then followed a Conſort of broken Muſick, playing all the way, to the great delight of all the Beholders and Hearers of the ſame: And laſt of all an hundred Shot, being very ready and nimble to diſcharge, and theſe were well appointed with Powder. Thus went they along through *Cheapſide* up *Cornhill*, and turned by *Leaden-hall* to *Biſhopsgate*, where at the end of *Houndſditch* the Street was chained in, and there placed the Image of a monſtrous Giant, which in times paſt dwelt in that place, being ſtoutly defended with long Morrice-Pikes, Halberds, and Wheel Guns of great ſhot ready charged againſt the Duke's Gunners and Archers, who valiantly ſhot many Arrows into the Giant, and diſcharged their Caſivers, which the Giants men would not put up, but ſhook their Spears, ſhot off their Pieces in ſhow to defend the Place, which ſince that Giant lived belonged to Prince *Arthur*: Thus for ſport on both ſides, the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums, ſtruk up, the Enſigns were toſſed in ſeem-

ly ſort, and the Fencers with Tanſwords made room, beginning a Battel in ſeemly ſhow, the Shot of the Goldſmiths diſcharged their ſhot ſo faſt, and in good order, to the ſhaking of the Giants Fort, that hardly the People near hand, might know one another. Thus the Train paſſed to *Shoreditch* Church, and then turned down into *Hogſdon-fields*, into a fair large green Paſture Ground of goodly Compaſs, where a Tent was ſet up for the Duke and the chief Citizens, where, when they were come, they might ſit to ſee the Shooters appointed to ſhoot at the Butt new ſet up for the ſame, being Sevenſcore and eight yards from the other end of the Tent. The true number of Archers that ſhot, was Thirty hundred: The number that accompanied him into the Field, of Archers, Citizens, Whifflers, and thoſe which guarded them with Bills, was Forty and one hundred and odd Perſons, beſides Pages and Henchmen, which was in number Three hundred and odd. The Attire worn by all this Company (for the moſt part) was very gorgeous; ſome in black Velvet Jerkins, Dublets of Satten, with Hats of Velvet; the moſt part in Satten and Taffety, and Hats of Taffety, a great many wearing Chains of Gold. The true number

ber of Chains of Gold worn among the Company, that I ſaw, was Nine hundred forty two; the reſt of the Company did all wear green large Skarfs, ſome white Scarfs, otherſome green Ribbons, Oringe tawny Ribbons, ſome black and white, green and white, but the moſt part was green.

Before they came to the Tent, the Train marched about the Field in Warlike manner, and forthwith caſt themſelves about and broke their Ray, every one haſting to the Tent where the Duke purpoſed to begin ſhooting. Then every Enſign brought in his Archers, and there with ſound of Trumpet proclaimed by the Herauld, That every man ſhould avoid Forty foot from each ſide of the Butt; otherwiſe to ſtand to their own perils. Thus went they to ſhooting, where by then three Enſigns had ſhot, which was about three of the Clock; word was brought to the Duke, That certain of Prince *Arthur's* Knights was coming into the Field, deſirous to ſpeak with his Nobleneſs; having anſwer that they ſhould be entertained courteouſly. Forthwith the Goldſmiths made forth to meet them, ſtaying at their own Stake againſt their coming, who anon came, and then the Goldſmiths Enſign, and ſome of their Pages very orderly, with

with ſome of the Archers in Chains of Gold, went and met theſe courteous Knights, mounted upon ſtately Palfreys, with ten Pages alſo on Horsback, and Iriſh Lackies with Darts running by their Horſes on foot, beſides a Trumpeter, a Herauld, and a Meſſenger, upon good Geldings: The Knights were apparelled in Cloth of Tiſſue, or Crimſon Silk and Gold; their Pages in green Silk; having likewiſe a ſeemly Company of Archers very richly apparelled in Sattin Dublets and Chains of Gold, to the number of Two hundred, attending on Foot, half going before, the reſidue coming behind. (A worthy Show beſeeming ſo noble a Game). Thus with great reverence they came near to the Tent, the Meſſenger clad in a Jacket of black Velvet, with a black Velvet Cap, and green Sattin Dublet, pronounced an Oration to the Duke, the Copy thereof followeth.

Moſt noble Duke, firſt to your good ſelf and next unto all your worthy Society and Company in general; I in the behalf of the moſt noble and renowned Prince Arthur, *and all his noble Knights, gratifie you (and yours) with the choice of a thouſand commendations:* Fame *blowing abroad, and in the Court of the Noble Prince* Arthur

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that this day (in this place) should be practized the most excellent quality of shooting in the Long-Bow. Which news were no sooner blazed in that most Royall Court, but by the consent of their renowned Prince, these noble Knights mounted themselves on Horseback, (calling to mind) the great courtesie they received of your Nobleness, at the late Royal Show of their famous Prince. For requital of which your great Friendship, this Troop of noble Knights (for the honor they owe to the Long-Bow) are repaired hither to present unto your Nobleness a friendly Gift; which is, five Bows of Gold, and five Silver Arrows; requiring your Nobleness to bestow them on five of the most valiant, most active, and most expert of all your Train, in shooting in the Long-Bow, requesting (friendly) we may presently see the delivery of them to those persons most worthy: hoping you will accept these their friendly Gifts, springing from well willing minds, loth to hinder your worthy exercise, we omit for expence of time, that which else more largely should have been discoursed. These actions being finished (we presume of your courtesie) we shall depart friendly, alwaies wishing the prosperous success of your worthy Exercise.

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The Duke with hearty thanks accepted theſe their preſents, promiſing with great proteſtation to match the Prince every way in good will and curteſie, wiſhing that this their amity might long continue.

Then the Knights departed with great grief to the Duke, becauſe he had provided a Bankquet for them, which could not be ſerved in by reaſon of the unrulineſs and throng of the People.

The Marqueſs *Barlo* chief of the Goldſmiths, to gratify them with ſome Show of curteſie, beſtowed on them to Jugots or Wedges, one of Gold the other of Silver, and after did conduct them into their own liberties with a Volley of ſhot, which they very thankfully accepted.

And this one thing is worthy of memory, that upon the day of Prince *Arthur's* ſhooting, which was five weeks before this Show, The Duke willing to beautifie the ſame in ſome ſeemly ſort, ſent a Buck of that ſeaſon by the Marqueſs *Barlo*, accompanied with many Goldſmiths, who coming in Satten Dublets and Chains of Gold about their Bodies, with Horns at their backs, did all the way wind their Horns, and preſented

ſented the ſame to Prince *Arthur*, who was at his Tent, which was at *Mile-end-green*; he not only accepted the ſame, but alſo promiſed to have the Dukes curteſie in mind if God lent him life.

Having now digreſſed in brief, I will return to the Duke, who ſeeing the night draw on, broke up the ſhooting untill the next day, which was Wedneſday, where they all met again to try who could depart Victors of thoſe Games then to bee won. Which were in value as followeth; The firſt Fifty three ſhillings four pence, the ſecond five nobles, the third four nobles, the fourth Twenty ſhillings, and the fifth ten ſhillings. Thus every one having one ſhot at the But, the beſt five were young men; four of the beſt Games did the Earl of *Pankridge's* men win; the fifth one of the Dukes men did get. The beſt and the ſecond were won by two of S. *Dunſtans* in the Eaſt; the beſt was a Skinners man, the ſecond a Brewers man, and he that won the firſt did dwell in S. *Brides* Pariſh, being a Sadlers Son, all which three were brought home in this manner. Firſt, for that it was dark, they were brought out of the Field with Torch lights to the number of two hundred, and the Winners mounted upon great Geldings, ſent

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to them from out of thoſe parts where they dwelled, very ſumptuouſly trapped with cloth of Silk, and Silver, and another of Gold, with eight Trumpets Drums and Enſigns, with ſhot which came from *Fleet-ſtreet* to fetch them home: and others with Halbards ſafely to conduct them, they all three were clad in green; the firſt in green Taffety, with a white Scarf about his Body, and a great Chain of Gold about his neck, with a Cap of Velvet, and a golden Band about the ſame, bearing an Arrow in his hand, and a green Ribbon hanging thereat; And ſo had they all: To their great laud and honour were they conducted firſt into *Grubſtreet*, then entred the City at *Cripplegate*, down *Wood-ſtreet*, and ſo into *Cheapſide*, continual ſhot was beſtowed to bring them home, to the great delight of the beholders: Thus marching through *Paul's* Churchyard, they went to *Ludgate*, and ſo home, where their Trains was very thankfully received: Againſt they came home there was prepared great Banquets by their Maſters and Parents, to the great delight of that Pariſh where they dwelled, who would not for mony have loſt the honor of the ſame.

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Then did the Marqueſs *Barlo* with all the Goldſmiths and his convoy of men at Arms ſafe conduct the Duke home to his houſe, appointing one *Jeffery Gates* an ancient Servitor to them, to be the Leader, who marched in the forward untill they came to the Duke's houſe, where the Duke was no ſooner entred his houſe, and the Marqueſs together, with the chief of the Train, but the Harquebuſſers, at the appointment of *Gates*, charged their peeces, and forthwith did beſtow ſuch a Volley of ſhot, as cauſed the Glaſs to ſhake forth of the Glaſs windows; to the honour of the Duke, and the good liking of them all.

Norrich & *Savage* both notable for ſhot in this Train.

Then every Baron and the whole Company of Governors were brought home to their joy and comfort, making good chear, ſhooting off their Peeces, ſounding of Trumpets, and ſtriking up of their Drums to delight and comfort.

Thus have I (as perfectly as I may) deſcribed the manner of the ſame, reporting the truth of what I ſaw. Then on the Monday following, the Duke had provided a ſumptuous Feaſt, to which all the Archers came, being kept at the Biſhop of *Londons* Pallace, who for the good will he

he bore to ſhooting, lent them his houſe freely, wiſhing that it might be as commodious to them, as the Show and Sight, for proviſion of ſo many Citizens in his houſe was comfortable to him. And for fear of diſorder; there was unto every Archer given a token ſtamped with a Broad Arrow, who at the gate of the Biſhops Pallace, delivered them to thoſe they were appointed to receive them.

Which done, every man (for the moſt part having Ribbons about their necks) went to thoſe Tables, which by good foreſight were provided for them, every man taking his place vntill the Service was brought in, the Tables furniſhed before with Table-clothes, Salt Bread, and trenchers: The great Hall of the Pallace was filled, and over the heads of the People hung the moſt ſumptuous Enſigns, under which they were before conducted to the field. There might a man behold the great proviſion of meat, the Cooks in ſuch good order dreſſing the ſame in quiet ſort as was worthy noting. And when the ſervice of meat was brought in, the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums ſtruck up, and every man in very good order placed to their contentment, ſo that the great Hall,

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the largeſt Parlor, the Galleries, and other Rooms in the Houſe were filled with People, who with great rejoycing gave thanks to God for his providence and bleſſings, many wayes beſtowed on them. Then was there ſerved into one large Table, which was the higheſt Table in the great Hall, boyled Capon, roſted Beef, Veniſon Paſties, Cuſtard, Tart, roſted Capon and Rabbets, with other Diſhes neceſſary for the time, with Wine, Beer, and Ale, and ever was repleniſhed with ſufficient thereof to their contentation.

The reſt of the Tables had this ſervice to every' Meſs. Firſt boil'd Mutton, roſted Beef, a Paſty of Veniſon, and a roſted Capon, and ſome had Rabbets, beſides Beer and Ale which was ſufficient, every Meſs had a Bottle of Wine ſerved in a Bottel unto the ſame: There were three hundred Meſſes of Meat ſerved in, to the great joy and comfort of thoſe that were there, being ſerved in ſuch good order as is laudable. When the Meat was ſerved in, every man familiarly drunk one to another, and then the Duke very reverently drank to them all, whereat the Trumpets ſounded, the People hollowed, the Drums ſtruck up, and ſuch a noiſe was made that it was heard

far off. Then the Duke with ſome of his Knights and Gentlemen, went about the whole Houſe and viſited every Table, with Drum and Fife, to the well liking of them all, ſo that with much melody they came in again into the great Hall, giving thanks to the whole Company. Then ſundry times the Trumpets ſounded, the Drums ſtruck up, and the Company drank to the Duke, paſſing away the time untill Dinner was ended. Then another Company did wind their Horns, which in good order of meaſures they did. The People by this time beginning to depart, the Duke cauſed the Herald to ſtand up and make a proclamation, that the people might be ſilent; which done, he pronounced in ſhort ſentence, a thankſgiving to God for our gracious Queen, deſiring God to ſend her long Life and Victory over all her enemies; whereat the People cried Amen; lifting up their Caps, heaving up the Tables over their Heads, in ſign of joy of her Majeſty, whereat the Trumpets ſounded, the Company hollowed and ſhowted. Laſt of all they praiſed God and ſo departed; giving the remnant of the broken Meat to the poor and needy, of which company a number gave diligent attendance for the ſame at the

the great Gate. (A charitable deed in the knitting up of ſo honorable a matter.) Thus they declared their courteſies one to another, to the maintenance of Chriſtian unity, which I pray God long continue, that this her Majeſties Realm of *England* may be kept ſtill in Peace and Tranquility, to the maintenance of Gods Glory, the Fame and perpetual renown of of her Majeſty; whoſe life, the God and giver of all life, prolong, that our lives which depend upon Hers, may the better be preſerved and continued. *Amen.*

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOW MADE AT S. *Martins* in the Fields,

In setting up Her

MAJESTIES STAKE.

ON *Wednesday*, being the Second day of *October* last past, standing at a Stall in the *Old Baily*, I heard the sound of Drums and Guns, and drawing near to see it, there came Whifflers with

Staves, red and white, with a luſtie Company of good Archers, very well and ſeemly apparelled, bearing Bows and Shafts; every Archer his Page, clothed in red Mandillian, ſtriped with ſilver, and Caps agreeable to the ſame. There came in number Two hundred Bowmen, mixed with Two hundred Caſivers, beſides Holbards, to beautifie the Show, mixed throughout. The Gunners were expert fellows, diſcharging their ſhot in very good order: All this Train going under ſundry fair Enſigns. Forthwith the Trumpets ſounded, and a very fair Show followed. Firſt men very ſtrangely apparelled in long hairy Garments, made of Skins like unto Martens, hopping and skipping along as they went: Then came two Horſemen harniſhed, their Horſes all over trapped in white ſilk: Then came a very ſumptuous Stake, being the Queens Majeſties, which they went to ſet up in S. *Iames* Field, upon this Stake ſtood a golden Lion holding a Shield with her Majeſties Arms, the ſupporters whereof were *Fortitude*, *Juſtice*, *Temperance*, and *Prudence*, the Lion having a whole Crown on his head. Then came a ſeemly Pagent, very cunningly made and with great coſt, wherein ſat the Gods, firſt *Pan*, with *Fame* and *Honour*, attending on

on Vertue; then Saint *Martin*, and *Eliza*, as ſuperior, accompanied with the four Vertues, the Muſes attending very ſeemly with Muſick playing before the Pagent. Thus they paſſed very orderly through *Holborn* to *Chancery-Lane*, and ſo to S. *James's* in the Fields: In the Train was carried three ſilver Games, as reward for the Winners of ſhooting in the Long-Bow, and a gilded Gun, as a reward unto the beſt that could handle their Peece. (Both Exerciſes of great ſtrength unto this Realm.) They uſed many ſpeeches in their Train as they went. And at night were brought home very worthily with Fire-works, which greatly beautified the ſame. To conclude, never ſaw I a fairer ſight, upon ſuch a ſuddain, which being worthy of commendation, I thought good to note the principal things therein, that it might remain in memory to their continual praiſe.

A BRIEF RELATION

Of the several

APPEARANCES

OF

ARCHERS

Since His

Majesties Restauration.

ON *March* the 21st. *Anno Domini* 1661. Four hundred Archers, with their Bows and Arrows, made a splendid and glorious Show in *Hide-Park*, with flying Colours, and Gross-bows to guard them. Sir *Gilbert Talbot* Baronet, was

was their Colonel, Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Knight of the *Bath*, their Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. *Donne* was their Major. Great was the appearance both of the Nobility, Gentry, and Commonalty: Several of the Archers Shot near Twenty ſcore yards within the compaſs of a Hat with their Croſs-bows; and many of them, to the amazement of the Spectators, hit the Mark; There were likewiſe three Showers of Whiſtling Arrows. So great was the delight, and ſo pleaſing the Exerciſe, that three Regiments of Foot laid down their Arms to come to ſee it.

Yet as delightful as it then was, this Exerciſe was intermitted by ſome unlucky neglective Fate, from the Yeare 1661. till 1675. and then indeed they began to String their Bows and handle their Arrows for a handſome appearance to complement Sir *Robert Vyner*, then Lord Mayor: Their Randezvouz was in the upper *Moor-fields*: There, about Three hundred and fifty moſt richly habited, were drawn up in a Body; From thence they marched through *Moorgate*, through *Criplegate*, and through *Woodſtreet* into *Cheapſide*; then they paſt by the north ſide of Saint *Pauls*, and marched round it into *Cheapſide* again, and ſo to *Guild-hall*, where they waited to receive the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

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and the then Lord Mayor. When the King had past by (who seemed highly pleas'd with the sight of so many Archers) then they march'd to *Christ-Church*, where a very noble Dinner was prepared for them at the expence of the Lord Mayor: Sir *Robert Payton* Knight, was their Leader, and Mr. *Michael Arnold* was there bringer up, they marched under one Colour, Six men with Cross-bows being appointed to guard it: All the Officers had green Scarfs, and Every Bow-man wore a green Ribbon. There was not any thing more material to be mention'd in that days march.

Upon the 26th of *May* following, the Archers marched to *Tuttle-feilds* to Shoot their Whistling-Arrowes. They Randezvouz'd in the *Military-Ground* near *Bloomsbury*, and march't from thence through part of *Holbourn*, through *Chancery-Lane*, through *Temple-barr*, and so through the *Strand* to *Whitehall*. There were Six abreast yet when the Van reach'd *Whitehall*, the Rear had not past through *Temple-barr*, so numerous were the Archers then; from *Whitehall* directly to *Tuttlefeilds* aforesaid. When they were drawn up in a Line, then came the King with his Guard and Coaches of State, together with His Royal Highness, the Duke of *York*, the Duke of *Monmouth*, and most

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of the Nobility attending him; to see them Shoot His Majesty march'd twice or thrice from one end of the Body to the other to view them. The Archers were in number near a Thousand; the Spectators near Twenty thousand It was a great encouragement, and a mighty joy and satisfaction to the Archers to see the King behold them with such a Serene, Benign, Cheerfull, Princely and Favourable Countenance: His Majesty was pleased to stay an hour or two to look on, whilst they shot several Showers of Whistling-Arrowes to entertain him, with which his Majesty, and the Nobility, seem'd very much satisfi'd: Then the King was pleased to return to *Whitehall*: And then Sir *Gilbert Talbot* sent in several Barrels of Beer, and other Provision for the Archers; so did Sir *Edward Hungerford*, Sir *Robert Peyton*, and the rest of the Captains; After they had refresh'd themselves, then they marched home with Drums beating, and Colours flying. Sir *Gilbert Talbot* being the Colonel, Sir *Robert Peyton* Lieutenant Colonel, and *Michael Arnold* Major.

In the Year 1676. on St. *Simon* and *Jude's* day, Sir *Ioseph Sheldon* being Elected Lord Mayor, about 350 Archers march'd under the Command of Sir *Robert*

Peyton Knight; they Randezvouzd in the upper *Moor-feilds*, and march'd as before mentioned in the time of Sir *Robert Vyner's* Maioralty, and were in the ſelf ſame manner plac'd to receive the King and Queen, the Nobility and Gentry, who came to Honour the Lord Mayor with their preſence at Dinner at the *Guild-Hall*: When his Majeſty was paſt by, then they march'd to *Chriſt-Church* to Dinner. Amongſt the variety of Sights, none ſeemed to give his Majeſty more content and delight, more pleaſure and ſatisfaction, than to ſee the Bows and Arrows, theſe Ancient Habiliments of warr reviv'd.

On the 14th day of *July*, 1681. the Archers march'd from *London* to *Hampton-Court*, under the Command of Mr. *Edwards* and Mr. *Henry Warren:* That was a Day appointed to Shoot for Several Pieces of Plate, worth Thirty pounds, at Eight-ſcore yards diſtance. After a little time was ſpent, the King was pleaſed to honour them with his Preſence, and Stay'd near Two hours to behold their Paſtime, to the great joy, ſatisfaction, and honour of the Archers: And as though this had not been honour enough, ſo full of Goodneſs and Clemency was his Majeſty, that he permitted as many of them as pleaſ-

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ed to kiss his Hand, in token of his being well satisfi'd with that Heroick Exercise; The Prizes were two Silver Cups, and three dozen of Silver Spoons. The said Target was placed upon a Butt, erected on the Green, before the Kings Palace there; but it rained so fast that the King was forc'd to retire before all the Prizes were won, which were Thirty in number; He stayed till six were won, and expresst his satisfaction very much; and without all question the Archers may reasonably hope for what favour they can humbly beg for the encouragement of Archery from this King, and it will be granted with as much readiness as by any of his Royall Ancestors in the like case whatsoever heretofore; for no King, unless his glorious Father, could ever match his goodness.

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ON *Friday* the 21st. of *April*, 1682. the Archers met in the *Artillery-Ground*, marching through *Cornhill*, *Fleetstreet*, and the *Strand* to *Tuttlefields*. The chief Officers were Sir *Edward Hungerford* Knight of the *Bath*, Colonel, Mr. *Michael Arnold* Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. *John Edwards* Major, Mr. *Henry Warren* Captain Lieutenant Mr. *Edward Gough*, Mr. *Edward Done*, Mr. *George Walker*, Mr. *James Manley*, Captains, *John Jennings* Lieutenant. The Kings most Excellent Majesty, his Royal Highness, and most of the Nobility, were so favourable as to Honour them with their Presence; as likewise the Ambassador of the Emperor of the Kingdom of *Morocco* and *Fez*: There were at least a thousand Archers in the Field; for now Gentlemen begin to be pleased with the Divertisement and plea-

sed with this Manly Recreation. There were Three Showers of Whistling Arrows; such a Sight, such a Noyse, and such an Appearance, it's presumed was never seen in *England* on the like Occasion; yet we hope that every year will beget new Lovers of this profitable and harmless Exercise, for they are now resolv'd, at least once or twice a year to make such a Publick Appearance, if His Majesty will be pleased to permit them.

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